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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KOSAKA

1. AT BREAKFAST MEETING WITH SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 29, KOSAKA BEGAN BY STRESSING FACT THAT MAINTENANCE OF CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH US WAS THE KEYSTONE OF JAPANESE DIPLOMACY. HE PLEDGED HIMSELF TO DO HIS BEST TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THESE FRIENDLY RELATIONS DURING HIS TENURE AS FOREIGN MINISTER. SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT US ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ITS RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. HE REFERRED TO THE CLOSE AND FREQUENT CONTACT HE HAD MAINTAINED WITH KOSAKA'S PREDECESSORS AND SAID HE HOPED TO CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE.

2. KOSAKA NEXT RAISED FISHERIES ISSUE, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY'S EFFORTS AT LOS CONFERENCE, BUT STRESSING JAPAN'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS AS A SOURCE OF PROTEIN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S FISHING INDUSTRY TO THE ECONOMY. HE SAID JAPAN WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSION

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WHICH WOULD ALLOCATE AND REGULATE FOREIGN FISHING IN THE

200 MILE ZONE MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND AND GIVE WEIGHT TO THESE FACTORS. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE WOULD DO OUR BEST TO SEE THAT JAPAN'S CONCERNS WERE FAIRLY CONSIDERED,

BUT NOTED THAT OUR LEGISLATION STRICTLY LIMITED ANY INFLUENCE WE MIGHT HAVE OVER REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. IF THE LOS TREATY WERE SIGNED AND RATIFIED IT WOULD SUPERSEDE US LEGISLATION AND THIS WOULD HOPEFULLY ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM. KOSAKA ASKED WHETHER VISITS BY JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARIANS TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD STRONGLY URGE JAPAN TO MAKE ITS CASE IN THIS WAY.

3. KOSAKA THEN TURNED TO QUESTION OF CIVIL AVIATION, SAYING HE DID NOT WISH TO GO INTO DETAIL BUT SIMPLY WISHED TO UNDERLINE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH GOJ VIEWED MATTER. ACCORDING TO KOSAKA, MANY IN JAPAN VIEWED PRESENT AGREEMENT AS "UNEQUAL" JAPAN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESED IN SECURING ADDITIONAL BEYOND RIGHTS. SECRETARY NOTETHAT MATTER WOULD BE UNDER NEGOTIATION SOON.

4. DISCUSSION RE MIG-25 REPORTED SEPTTEL.

5. KOSAKA THEN TURNED TO CHINA, STATING THAT JAPAN WAS EAGER TO BRING A FORMAL END TO THE UNHAPPY PERIOD OF SINO-JAPANESE CONFLICT BY CONCLUDING A PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. ALTHOUGH JAPAN-PRC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY GOOD SINCE JOINT STATEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1972, PRC INSISTENCE ON INCLUSION OF HEGEMONY CLAUSE HAD STALLED PROGRESS ON TREATY. IN SPEECH TO UNGA, KOSAKA HAD STATED THAT ANTI-HEGEMONY WAS A UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE EARNING HIM ADDITIONAL COMPLAINTS FROM THE USSR. HE ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAD ANY ADVICE. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT US HAD NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THE QUESTION AND WOULD UNDERSTAND WHATEVER POSITION THE JAPANESE CHOSE TO TAKE. OUR ONLY PROBLEM LIES IN FACT THAT IF THE JAPANESE AGREE WITH THE PRC TO OPPOSE HEGEMONY, AT SOME POINT PRC MAY WISH TO APPLY IT TO US.

6. KOSAKA ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR US NORMALIZATION
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OF ITS RELATIONS WITH PRC. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD, BUT WE HAVE NEVER STATED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE OR ELSEWHERE UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS WE WOULD DO SO.

7. KOSAKA NOTED THAT SOLUTION OF THE TAIWAN QUESTION IS THE KEY PROBLEM AND ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY HAD ANY

PLAN FOR DEALING WITH IT WITHOUT MENTIONING IT IN A TREATY
SECRETARY REPLIED THAT SO FAR PRC HAD INSISTED TO US
THAT "JAPAN FORMULA" WAS ONLY ACCEPTABLE FORM. HE COULD
NOT SAY WHETHER ANY MODIFICATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE UNDER
NEW LEADERSHIP. FOR A WHILE THEY HAD BEEN VERY

AGGRESSIVE ABOUT TAIWAN BUT HAD RECENTLY BEEN MORE
GENTLE. IN ANY EVENT, THE SECRETARY ASSURED KOSAKA THERE
WOULD BE FULL ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH JAPAN. THERE
WOULD BE NO SHOCKS AND NO DRAMATIC INITIATIVES. WHAT
HAPPENS WILL HAPPEN IN A DELIBERATE WAY. THE SECRETARY
ADDED THAT THE PRC STILL LIKES TO NEEDLE THE US AS IT
DOES JAPAN, BUT THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL FACTORS WHICH
BROUGHT THE US AND THE PRC TOGETHER WERE STILL OPERATING.

8. TO KOSAKA'S QUESTION ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH THE NEW
LEADERSHIP IN CHINA MIGHT BE MOVING, SECRETARY SAID THAT
WE FRANKLY DID NOT KNOW, AND FOR THAT MATTER WE WERE
NOT SURE WHAT POLICIES THE "MODERATES" OR "RADICALS"
MIGHT ESPOUSE. MORE TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED.

9. KOSAKA RAISED QUESTION OF VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP IN
THE UNITED NATIONS, STATING THAT GOJ COULD UNDERSTAND
AMERICAN PEOPLE'S UNWILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT IN VIEW OF
THE BITTERNESS LEFT BY THE WAR AND THE SUFFERING SO MANY
HAD ENDURED. HE WONDERED, HOWEVER, WHEN IT MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE. JAPAN BELIEVED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BRING
VIETNAM INTO CLOSER CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE WORLD. SECRE-
TARY SAID HE BELIEVED THAT EVENTUALLY VIETNAM WOULD BE
FORCED BY REALITIES OF WORLD POLITICS TO COME TO TERMS
WITH US. WE WERE NOT GOING TO PROVIDE AID AND THEY
WOULD HAVE TO GIVE US MORE INFORMATION ON THE MIA'S. BUT
IT WOULD BE IN THEIR INTEREST TO HAVE BETTER RELATIONS
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WITH US AND THEY WOULD COME TO UNDERSTAND THIS.

10CONCLUDING, KOSAKA SAID THAT HE HAD MEANT TO RAISE
KOREA AS WELL AS CERTAIN TRADE PROBLEMS, BUT BECAUSE
OF LACK OF TIME WOULD LEAVE DISCUSSION TO WORKING
LEVEL. SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR JAPANESE
COOPERATION IN HANDLING KOREAN QUESTION AT UN.

11. IT WAS AGREED THAT JAPANESE WOULD NOT TELL PRESS THAT
MIG PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS BUT
THAT LIST OF OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED MIGHT BE RELEASED.
ON CHINA QUESTIONS SECRETARY SAID THAT KOSAKA COULD SAY
WE WERE KEEPING JAPANESE FULLY INFORMED OF OUR VIEWS. ROBINSON

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